

DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Blotter: Oct. 8-14

*Reminder for the week: Persons prohibited from possessing
deadly weapons*

DOVER – To achieve public compliance with laws and regulations through education and enforcement actions that help conserve Delaware's fish and wildlife resources and ensure safe boating and public safety, DNREC Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers between Oct. 8-14 made 1,682 contacts with hunters, anglers, boaters, and the general public, issuing five citations. Officers responded to 87 complaints regarding possible violations of laws and regulations or requests to assist the public. An increased Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police presence continued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area and Michael N. Castle Trail.

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- On Oct. 13, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers discussed the role of Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers, answered questions regarding hunting, fishing and boating, and displayed the Operation Game Theft trailer during an event at Cabela's near Christiana.
- On Oct. 14, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers discussed the role of Fish & Wildlife Natural

Resources Police officers and answered hunting, fishing, and boating questions at a Hunter Education Class in the Little Creek Hunter Education Training Facility.

Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police Actions

Incidents of note:

- On Oct. 10, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers investigated a minor property damage vessel accident involving a sailboat striking the Reedy Point Jetty in the Delaware River near Port Penn.
- On Oct. 12-13, Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officers responded to a report of an overdue kite surfer in the Delaware River near Augustine Beach. A search with multiple agencies did not find the individual. However, the next morning a Fish & Wildlife Natural Resources Police officer responding to a suspicious person report at the Augustine Wildlife Area determined the individual to be the overdue kite surfer.

Citations issued by category, with the number of charges in parentheses, included:

Public Safety: Possession of a firearm by a person prohibited (1), possession of a loaded firearm in a motor vehicle (2)*, and public intoxication (1).

Other: Trespassing after hours on a state wildlife area (1).

*Includes citation(s) issued at the C&D Canal Conservation Area.

DNREC's Division of Fish & Wildlife recognizes and thanks the majority of anglers, hunters, and boaters who comply with and support Delaware's fishing, hunting, and boating laws and regulations. Citizens are encouraged to report fish, wildlife, and boating violations to the Delaware Fish & Wildlife Natural

Resources Police by calling 302-739-4580. Wildlife violations may also be reported anonymously to Operation Game Theft by calling 800-292-3030 or online at de.gov/ogt.

Are you AWARE?

Delaware law prohibits persons with certain prior convictions, including felonies, from owning or possessing any type of deadly weapon. Deadly weapons include all firearms and ammunition, as well as any type of bow – compound, recurve or crossbow. Penalties for violations range from probation and fines to jail sentences.

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